

REMARKS

Claims 15-19 are cancelled.

Rejection as to Section 112:

Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended in response to Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. This amendment is not made in response to prior art but to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner has indicated that claims 1-14 should be allowable if amended to overcome the cited Section 112 rejection. As such amendment has been made herein, Applicants believe the Application to be in condition for allowance and respectively request the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance at earliest convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the excess claim fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0897. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed to be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0897, upon which the undersigned is authorized to sign.

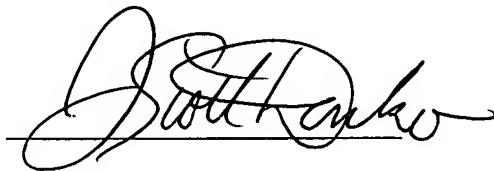
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Respectfully submitted,

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